

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In the application of:	)	
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Bradd et al.	)	
	)	Group Art Unit: 2661
Serial No.: 09/473,726	)	
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Filed: December 28, 1999	)	
	)	Customer number: 23644
For: Voice Over Packet Network	)	
Arrangement and Method	)	

**PETITION FOR REMOVAL OF ABANDONMENT, ISSUANCE OF CORRECTED  
FILING RECEIPT, AND EXAMINATION OF THE APPLICATION**

Honorable Director of Patents and Trademarks  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This petition is being filed because the Patent and Trademark Office has not properly acted on this application and continues to follow its previous errors. No fee is due because the errors are clearly those of the Patent and Trademark Office.

This application has never been abandoned, and due to an error in a Serial Number, the Missing Parts for the application were inadvertently directed to the wrong application. That was corrected, and on May 3, 2002, the Patent and Trademark Office acknowledged that all was in order and the application was not abandoned. A copy of the May 3, 2002 order is attached.

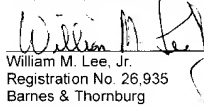
The Patent and Trademark Office then sent a withdrawal of the Notice of Abandonment on December 12, 2003. A copy of that withdrawal is appended hereto, as well. However, the Patent and Trademark Office never corrected its records, although it issued an updated Filing Receipt also of February 12, 2003. A copy of that Filing Receipt is attached.

The undersigned filed a Request for Correction of the Filing Date for the application on October 6, 2006. A copy of that document is also attached.

To date, no action has been taken by the Patent and Trademark Office, although this application should have been examined long ago. It is requested that the Patent and Trademark Office no longer delay, and properly examine this application.

June 22, 2007

Respectfully submitted

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In re application of:  
Bradd et al. DECISION ON PETITION  
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Filed: December 28, 1999

For: VOICE OVER PACKET NETWORK  
ARRANGEMENT AND METHOD

This is a decision on the documents received on April 27, 2001, to withdraw the holding of abandonment in the above-identified application.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply within the meaning of 37 C.F.R. 1.113 in timely manner to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application mailed February 7, 2000. Which set a shortened statutory period for reply of two (2) months. Accordingly, this application became abandoned April 10, 1999. A notice of abandonment was mailed on February 20, 2001.

On April 27, 2001, the office received a communication from the attorney of record. Enclosed was an acknowledgment that the attorney responded to the Notice to File Missing Part on March 7, 2000 but the response had the wrong serial.

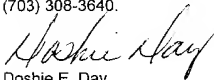
The evidence submitted is sufficient to establish that the petitioners responded to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application on March 7, 2000.

The petition is hereby GRANTED.

The application has been completed for release to Technology Center 2731.

The fees received on March 7, 2000, will be transferred to the correct application  
*for the correct application*  
for competition.

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter may be directed to Doshie E. Day at  
(703) 308-3640.

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Doshie E. Day  
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Office Initial Patent Examination.



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CONFIRMATION NO. 1384

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UPDATED FILING RECEIPT



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Date Mailed: 02/12/2003

Receipt is acknowledged of this regular Patent Application. It will be considered in its order and you will be notified as to the results of the examination. Be sure to provide the U.S. APPLICATION NUMBER, FILING DATE, NAME OF APPLICANT, and TITLE OF INVENTION when inquiring about this application. Fees transmitted by check or draft are subject to collection. Please verify the accuracy of the data presented on this receipt. If an error is noted on this Filing Receipt, please write to the Office of Initial Patent Examination's Filing Receipt Corrections, facsimile number 703-746-9195. Please provide a copy of this Filing Receipt with the changes noted thereon. If you received a "Notice to File Missing Parts" for this application, please submit any corrections to this Filing Receipt with your reply to the Notice. When the USPTO processes the reply to the Notice, the USPTO will generate another Filing Receipt incorporating the requested corrections (if appropriate).

**Applicant(s)**

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**Domestic Priority data as claimed by applicant**

**Foreign Applications**

If Required, Foreign Filing License Granted: 02/05/2000

Projected Publication Date: None, application is not eligible for pre-grant publication

Non-Publication Request: No

Early Publication Request: No

**Title**

VOICE OVER PACKET NETWORK ARRANGEMENT AND METHOD

**Preliminary Class**

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Title 35, United States Code, Section 184  
Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, 5.11 & 5.15**

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**WITHDRAWAL NOTICE**

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Date Mailed: 02/12/2003

**WITHDRAWAL OF PREVIOUSLY SENT NOTICE**

It has come to the attention of the Office that the Notice on 05/03/2002 was sent in error. Please disregard that Notice. The application is complete and will be processed for examination. The Official Filing Receipt is enclosed. We apologize for any inconvenience this has caused.

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*

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PART I - ATTORNEY/APPLICANT COPY

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**REQUEST FOR CORRECTED FILING RECEIPT**

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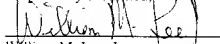
The filing receipt for this application as issued by the Patent and Trademark Office on February 12, 2003 is in error. A corrected filing receipt is therefore requested.

The filing date for this application is December 28, 1999. That was properly reflected by the Patent and Trademark Office in the original filing receipt issued February 5, 2000. However, the filing receipt mailed February 12, 2003 has a filing date of March 7, 2000. That date is incorrect.

It is therefore requested that the Patent and Trademark Office correct its records to show the filing date as December 28, 1999 and issue a corrected filing receipt.

October 20, 2006

Respectfully submitted,

  
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**STATUS INQUIRY**

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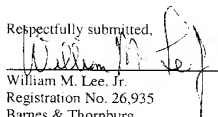
Dear Sir:

This application was filed December 28, 1999 but no action has been received by the Patent and Trademark Office, as yet. When checking the application on PAIR, an Examiner appears as an Examiner of Record, but apparently that Examiner has left the Patent and Trademark Office and the application has not been reassigned.

It is requested that the Patent and Trademark Office advise of the status of this application, and advise when a first action can be expected.

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